

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Have not the Government found any defects at all in the present dailies and weeklies?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A few articles might have been drawn to the attention of the Government. In those cases Government are taking whatever action that is desirable.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Government are aware that in some of these the language is somewhat indecent and the matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it engaging your serious attention?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Government has only serious attention.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Are the Government aware that some papers are publishing scandalous statements such as, calling a Brahmin the son of a Mohammedan and so on and the Government say that they are only considering.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I may reply to the Hon'ble Member that the parties who are hurt, who are affected by adverse criticism, have their relief from the Courts. The Government are seriously considering whether any action has to be taken to effect more control over the press. That is all the Government can do at present. They are following a liberal policy with regard to the press. But if, as was observed the other day, irresponsible journalism compels them, the Government will do their best to meet the situation.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—What has the Government done to put a stop to indecent language that is now-a-days adopted by some papers?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I may inform the Member that one paper has been prosecuted under Section 268 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is that the only paper?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That is the only paper which was brought to the notice of the Government as having published such highly indecent language as deserving action.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know whether no other paper has used highly flagrant language?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Government never interfere with flagrant language, but only with such high indecent language as deserves action.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has not the public anything to do with the tone of the paper?

President.—Question time is over.

Kanippayyur and Chowwannur Panchayat—
improvement by opening a road.

276. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be eased to state:—

(1) whether the above work has been provided for in the budget for 1109;

(2) did not the Government promise to undertake the work in 1108 by order dated 27th July 1932, D. Dis. 17871/07;

(3) were there not petitions in 1108 also for the same;

(4) what steps were taken by Government, if any?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes. But for want of funds this could not be provided for.

(4) The amount required has been provided for in the 1109 budget.

Closed drains in Trichur—danger from.

277. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that the mosquito trouble has lately been on the increase in Trichur;

(b) whether they are aware that the closed drains of Trichur are always awfully stinking;

(c) whether they are aware that the closed drains without flush and kept away from sun's rays are the breeding ground of the mosquitoes?

(d) whether they are aware that the present closed drains of Trichur are a source of great danger to the town in the matter of epidemics?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) The drains are flushed and disinfected and so they cannot be breeding ground of mosquitoes.

Trichur Municipal works—officers who supervised.

278. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names with pay of the officers who supervised the works that were executed by the Trichur Municipality (buildings and drains) in 1107 and 1108?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

In 1107.

Mr. K. Krishna Menon, Municipal Overseer—pay Rs. 76 in the grade of Rs. 60—80.

In 1108.

(1) **Mr. K. Krishna Menon, Municipal Overseer**—pay Rs. 80 in the grade of Rs. 60—80.

(2) **Mr. T. A. Subramania Sarma, Municipal Sub-Overseer**—pay Rs. 40 in the grade of Rs. 40—60.